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## Government data confirms first lockdown led to a rise in speeding

Reacting to [Government data](#) that points to a rise in drivers speeding during the first coronavirus lockdown, RAC head of roads policy Nicholas Lyes said:

“This data confirms what we previously suspected: lower traffic volumes sadly led to some shocking levels of speed limit disobedience, particularly on 30mph limit roads. This dangerous behaviour unnecessarily put lives at risk during the first national lockdown when more people were walking and cycling.

"Empty roads should not be an excuse to drive dangerously and it would be frightening to think one of the legacies of the lockdown is a complete disregard for speed limits and other road users' safety."

*The RAC sent freedom of information requests to police forces earlier in 2020 to understand levels of speed limit adherence - [full details can be found here](#).*

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